

CLAIMS

1. A slat for *inter alia* a conveyor, the slat comprising a main body having an upper surface at least part of which is transparent and which includes a cavity positioned below the transparent surface for retaining a removable cartridge.
2. A slat according to claim 1, wherein at least one surface of the cartridge carries a decorative pattern and/or indicia.
3. A slat according to claim 2, wherein the decorative pattern and/or indicia is in the form of advertising data.
4. A slat according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the cavity is defined between at least part of the upper surface of the main body and at least part of the lower surface thereof.
5. A slat according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein one or both ends of the cavity is/are opened to facilitate insertion and removal of the cartridge.
6. A slat according to any one of claims 1 to 5, further comprising means for retaining the cartridge securely within the cavity.
7. A slat according any preceding claim, wherein the transparent surface is made from tempered glass.
8. A slat as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the transparent surface of the slat is scratch resistant.

9. A slat according to any preceding claim, wherein the upper surface further comprises a load supporting protective surface.

10. A slat according to any preceding claim, wherein the cartridge comprises a multi-media device.

11. A slat according to claim 10, wherein the slat comprises a computerised display screen.

12. A slat according to claim 10 or claim 11, further comprising electronic means to communicate data to the cartridge thereby to remotely control and change the data displayed thereon at any given point in time.

13. A slat according claim 12, wherein the electronic means is attached to the underside of the load supporting surface thereby to be protected from articles being placed on the surface in use.

14. An endless conveyor having at least one slat in accordance with any one of claims.